Financial assistance to Export units affected by Tsunami

*318. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has completed survey of Tsunami affected export facilities in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the damage done to marine product processing factories by the Tsunami;

(c) whether MPEDA has made any suggestions to give financial assistance to such export units;

(d) if so, the details of such recommendations;

(e) whether adequate care is also being taken to ensure that fraudulent claims are not entertained; and

(f) the steps proposed to ensure that only genuine sufferers get help?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) As per information collected by the field officers of MPEDA, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the concerned State Governments, the approximate damage reported in the Tsunami affected areas is: traditional and mechanized boats lost or damaged (68,000); fishing nets (2,02,000); aqua farms damaged (5,700 hectares); and hatcheries (57). The estimated loss suffered by shrimp farms and hatchery units is Rs. 16.42 crore and Rs. 3.01 crore respectively. Besides, damage has been reported to the marine products processing facilities also.

(c) and (d) MPEDA has various schemes to extend financial assistance to the processing units.

(e) and (f) Adequate care is taken by MPEDA to extend financial assistance after due verification of the units etc. to ensure that only genuine applicants get such assistance.

Tsunami affected familes

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SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the calculation of the total number of families affected by Tsunami has been completed by Government;

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